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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ECON COUNSELOR, AMBASSADOR JOLLES FLATLY DENIED THAT SWISS WERE HAVING SECOND THUGHTS ABOUT PARTICIPATION IN IEA. HE CITED HIS OWN SPEECH OF TEN DAYS AGO TO A SWISS AUDIENCE (COPY POUCHED TO EUR/CE) AS WELL AS A RECENT MEETING OF THE ENERGY COMMITTEE OF THE SWISS FEDERAL COUNCIL, AT WHICH THE ISSUE OF "SECOND THOUGHTS" NEVER CAME UP, AS EVIDENCE OF CONTINUING SWISS SUPPORT. HE SAID THAT THE ONLY "SECOND THOUGHTS" HE HAD RELATED TO THE FACT THAT THE SWISS HAD BEEN THE FIRST TO RATIFY THE AGREEMENT ON THE IEA. IN WHAT THE SWISS PARLIAMENT CONSIDERED WAS UNNECESSARY HASTE, BECAUSE THE SWISS TOOK THE MAY 30 DEADLINE SEROUSLY. HE WAS NOT ANTICIPATING WITH ANY GREAT PLEASURE TH PROSPECT OF QUESTIONS FROM PARLIAMENTARIANS ABOUT THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE RATIFICATION PROCESS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. ODELL

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